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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Special Training Program for Selected Military Personnel

REFERENCES : a. Informal Memo, same Subject; for Chief, PM/OPS, fm PM/OPS/IN, dtd 5 May 1954.
 b. Memo for DTR, same Subject, fm [redacted] 25X1A9A dtd 20 April 1954.
 c. Memo for DDP, Subject: CIA Orientation Course for Military Personnel, fm Chief, JSPD, dtd 10 June 1954.
 d. Memo for Record, same Subject as instant Memo, fm PP/PM/IN, dtd 10 June 1954.

1. Meeting was held at the office of DTR on above matter at 25X1A9A 1400 hours, 21 June. Present were DTR, Colonel [redacted], Deputy Chief, PP, Colonel F. W. Benfield, JSPD, and [redacted] 25X1A9A

2. Colonel Benfield gave as the training mission for the proposed special training program a general orientation or background on organization and operations of clandestine forces for the purpose of enabling better coordination and more intelligent understanding

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 the special problems of conducting these activities in time of war be given in the curriculum. However, he emphasized that as he and officers in JSPD generally do not know what clandestine forces are, how they are organized and how they operate, his staff would prefer that the Training staff in CIA should advise what should be in the curriculum of such a special training program; that what was put in the JSPD memo arose from

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discussions with [redacted] and was intended as nothing more than a suggestion of the type of curriculum which appeared as desirable growing from those discussions.

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3. DTR pointed out that to include all the subjects included in the JSPD memo would take months even for a familiarisation or orientation course. He also pointed out the shortage of qualified personnel in CIA to prepare and conduct such training. However, he agreed with the need for a course to accomplish the mission suggested. He indicated Mr. [redacted] would be the one in charge of developing it but cautioned against expecting too early preparation for it because of other priorities.

4. Colonel Rexfield advised that he did not believe the two weeks suggested in the JSPD memo was a firm limitation of the time students could be made available, but thought three weeks would probably be about the maximum. He agreed that two weeks at Washington for academic instruction followed by a week at [redacted] for demonstrations and continued study could be worked out.

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5. It was ~~agreed~~ that classes should be conducted twice annually; that top officers from the service War Colleges should be included; that no announcement should be made until the course begins to be shaped up and a date for opening could be set.

6. It was felt that twelve students should be the maximum if the course is to be conducted as a seminar, and twenty-five if as a lecture course. Mr. [redacted] recommended against the seminar for a group of the type proposed.

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7. DTR mentioned Training's desire to prepare a lecture with much the same mission to be given by a representative of CIA Training at the Command & General Staff College level and War College level of the service schools. The idea was encouraged by both the colonels and some discussion was had concerning length.

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